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Currently a resident of Mariposa, California

Hometown girl Ayonna Procter represented Elba with pride on *The Titan Games*

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Many in Elba tuned in last Thursday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. for the premiere of the new NBC network television show "The Titan Games" with Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.

The draw for Elba - a hometown girl would be competing in the physically challenging competition!

Dr. Ayonna Procter, age 33, of Mariposa, California, is a 2004 graduate of Elba High School, and she is quick to tell you that "Elba is home."

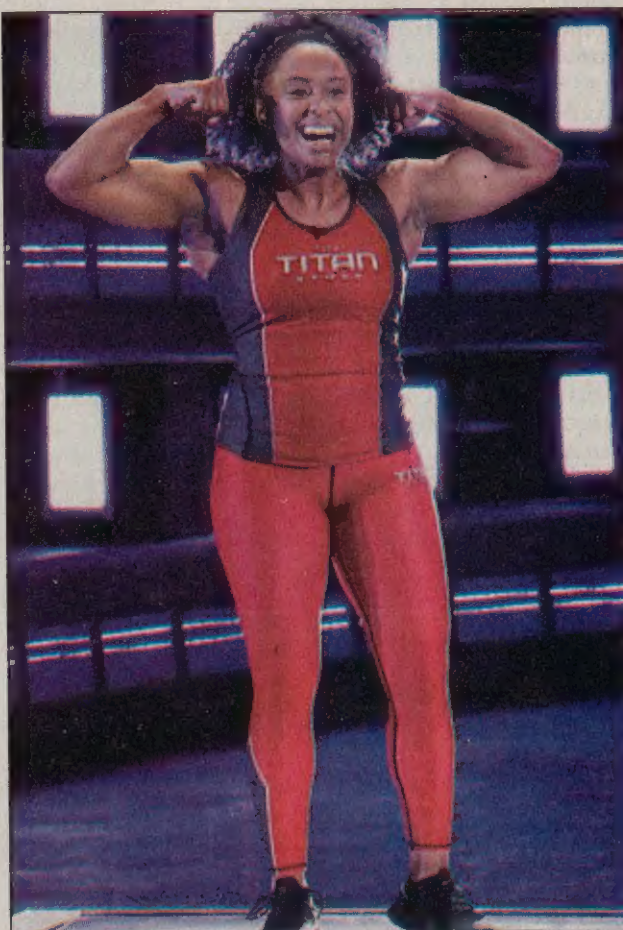
Procter said her inspiration in all she does is her mom, Martha Riley, a real estate agent who now lives in Enterprise, Ala.

"She's always been my cheerleader," she said. "I always want to make her proud, and I think of her in everything I do."

Procter said her mom moved the family to Elba, Alabama from New York back when she was 4-years-old. She said she grew up in Elba and was a student of the Elba City School System from kindergarten all the way through high school graduation.

"Elba, Alabama is my hometown," Procter said. "I graduated top ten in my class. I played high school basketball, softball, and volleyball for the Elba Tigers, was president of my senior class and was elected Homecoming Queen my senior year."

The Titan Games, a large-scale physical com-



Dr. Ayonna Procter (shown here), a 2004 graduate of Elba High School, competed in the new NBC television series, The Titan Games. This is a physically challenging competition with Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson as a creator. Procter was on the show last Thursday, Jan. 3, and while she did not advance, she said she would do it again in a heartbeat if given an opportunity.

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petition, is a 10-episode series that offers everyday people a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to compete in epic head-to-head challenges designed to test mind, body, and heart. It is inspired by Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson's desire to motivate global audiences to reach their potential for

greatness.

Dr. Procter said she would not be where she is today as a successful physical therapist without her mother, and she will forever be Ayonna's superhero.

Procter said she came to the Titan Games because of the sacrifices her mother made in pushing her to

become a physical therapist, and now, she wants to lead by example and show her patients what's possible with hard work.

While in physical therapy school, Procter also helped take care of her mom while she was battling cancer. She said she would always be there for her mom just as she has always been there for her.

"I am very prideful of my family," Procter said.

As soon as Procter completed physical therapy school in 2012, she moved to New York and got a job as a physical therapist in the Bronx. This is when she said she became serious about her fitness and began hitting the gym on a daily basis.

Procter said her journey to the Titan Games began



with an application process. She said it was a lengthy application process, which she had to complete as well as submit an audition tape.

"I had never done an audition tape before," Procter said.

After reaching out to someone in regards to putting an audition tape together and realizing the cost for it, Procter said she

decided to put one together on her own. She said she researched "how to" on Google and YouTube, and creating her own audition tape.

"It was an honor just to get chosen [to try out for the show], especially with me not having any professional help getting my

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Elba residents enjoyed rooting for 'one of their own' in premiere of NBC's *The Titan Games*

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Last Thursday evening, Jan. 3, many televisions in Elba and the surrounding area were tuned in to the NBC network in anticipation of the premiere of a new show - The Titan Games.

While host and co-creator of the show, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson could be considered a draw to the show, one of the contestants that had their excitement built. 2004 Elba High School graduate Dr. Ayonna Procter was chosen to be one of 64 competitors challenging for the title of the ultimate Titan.

Social media lit up with well wishes for Procter from her home town as many gathered with their families to watch and cheer-on the 'local girl', a former Elba High Homecoming Queen.

Upon learning that Procter was going to be a competitor on The Titan Games, Elba resident Kathy Smith said, "Ayonna was a dear, sweetie, and I kept up with her through high school. Saw her mom through the years and kept up with her. Can't wait to hear more!"

Procter was in the very first challenge of the show,

and while she came super close to pulling out a victory, her quest to be the Titan came up just a bit short. That, however,

er, did not deter her fans back home as many offered congratulations on social media and discussed how proud they were of Procter for her efforts.

"The lady that beat Ayonna was a beast," Elba resident

Latisha Hodge said. "We had no idea what to expect when we tuned in for the show, but those are some amazing athletes that are competing."

Hodge said when Procter seemed to gain an edge on her competitor in the battle, she could not help but want to help her pull the victory out. She said her stomach

dropped when Procter lost her grip and fell, which ultimately resulted in her losing the battle even though she jumped right back up and kept fighting.

"She may have lost the battle, but Ayonna won big in the hearts of the folks back here in Elba," Hodge said. "She did great!"

Jamie Greek agreed. He said he was disappointed to see her lose.

DeAnn Grantham is no stranger to the athleticism of Procter. Growing up together in Elba, Grantham said Procter is a great role model for all.

"As a former teammate I can say Yonnie's athleticism and competitive nature were always appar-

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During New Brockton Town Council meeting Mayor reminds it is illegal to operate golf carts on streets

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council met Monday evening, Jan. 7, for its regular monthly meeting, and during the session Mayor Kathy Holley reminded citizens that the operation of golf carts, ATV's, etc. is illegal on the streets of New Brockton.

The mayor said since the holidays there had been an onslaught of these type recreational vehicles being operated on the streets within the town. She said these are not 'street legal' vehicles and it is illegal to operate them on the streets.

"We have been steadily taking them back to the house," Holley said of the ones breaking this law. "It is even worse when it is 6 and 8 year olds driving the golf carts."

She encouraged citizens to obey this law and not have the recreational vehicles on the streets. She said it is a safety issue and that is the biggest concern.

Also, Holley said the town has been busy with picking up dogs not being properly kept on property. She said town officials have grown tired of taking the dogs back home when they get out and roam around, and, therefore, have instead been taking

the animals to the animal shelter in Elba when picked up.

The financial report for the town showed a general fund balance of \$175,194.03 at the end of December 2018.

Town clerk Debbie

Andrews said income for the month was \$52,184.54.

A quick look at expenses for the month of December showed administrative expenses at \$23,277.79; police department expenses at \$9,316.44; and public works expenses at \$33,550.65.

Andrews noted the large expense for public works was a payment of \$30,000 that had to be made to MDI.

After reviewing all the financial reports, council members voted to pay the routine monthly bills for January, which were estimated to be \$19,617.83.

Also during the meeting, council members voted to make a payment of \$6,773 to the municipal workers compensation fund for the town.

Mayor Holley reminded everyone that the town hall offices would be closed Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of the Martin Luther

King Day holiday. Also, she said the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration March and Services would begin that day at 9 a.m. at the old Warren Smith School building. This is where the remembrance march will begin, and Holley said it ends this year at Poplar Springs Church where a service is set for 11 a.m.

The town council will hold its next work session on Monday, Jan. 28, at 6 p.m. The next regular council meeting will be Monday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m.

Parent meeting for Elba High Softball set for Thursday at 6 p.m.

There is a parent meeting for Elba High School softball this Thursday, Jan. 10, at 6 p.m. in the high school commons area.

A parent/guardian needs to be present for each player. Important information will be discussed and paperwork handed out.

Area Happenings

COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, Jan. 10, at 9 a.m. The meeting will be at the Coffee County Community Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala.

THE ELBA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION will conduct Youth Baseball and Softball sign-up from Jan. 15th - Feb. 15th. Registration will be held at the Elba Recreation Department, located at 764 N. Claxton Ave., Elba. Documents required for registration included the child's birth certificate and completion of the registration form. The cost is \$35 for one child, \$60 for two children, and \$70 for three or more children per family. For more information, call (334) 897-6833.

THE TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON OFFICES will be closed Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.



Flood prevention efforts are pictured above as a Elba City worker applies a sealing material in cracks under the U.S. Hwy. 84 bridge over Pea River several months ago. These cracks could lead to breaks in the levee during flood conditions if ignored, says the Army Corp of Engineers. The material being used is Sikaflex, designed for such use.



The Hwy. 84 bridge also serves at times as home to the homeless. This tent was located underneath the bridge just a few feet from the leak repair work pictured above. The occupants of this tent have since moved on and at last report no others had taken up residence at this location.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"In 20 years you will be more disappointed by what you didn't do than by what you did." – Mark Twain

Our Solar System has remained largely unchanged for billions of years, but that hasn't stopped astronomers from looking far into the future and forecasting some major changes happening to our home galaxy, the Milky Way, namely a collision with a galaxy named Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC for short). Now, don't go selling the farm just yet. This event, if it does happen, isn't projected to occur until some 2.5 BILLION years from now. That is plenty of time for humanity to destroy earth without any outside help, according to the 'earth warming' supporters. Before this prediction, another galaxy named Andromeda was headed our way and predicted to arrive several billion years later. All that before our sun becomes a really big red ball of fire and burns up everything. Guess maybe we need to increase our life insurance.

The Internet headlines Sunday night screamed that a female threatened to kill her parents for refusing to take her to Outback Steakhouse. Our initial reaction was this was a really spoiled teenager. Well how surprised we were to read this was a 28-year-old woman! Short of being more than mildly surprised, we resist going any further with our opinions. This could have any number of circumstances behind the verbal and physical outburst; some real and others far out. A judge in this case ordered the woman to undergo a mental evaluation. That is a good first step and hopefully this case will not wind up as another one that slips through the cracks and only re-emerges when something deadly happens.

Spilled chicken tenders on a Northeast Alabama highway was recently a dream occasion for many motorists. Apparently they were stopping and grabbing whole boxes of the choice chicken. However, most of the activity was after the meat had been scattered around the wreck scene for up to 24 hours and it isn't smart to eat meat left without refrigeration that long. Hopefully those who actually eat those tenders will be the people who got them shortly after the accident.

We have often wondered what happened to loads of goods scattered after big truck accidents. Of course the refrigerated foods will spoil in a hurry plus health officials have rules against selling any of those items. Still it seems like stealing to stop and scoop up any of the merchandise at the wreck scene. Plus it is awful easy to get injured or killed while walking around in the mass confusion that so often surrounds wreck scenes. The bottom line is please follow our lead and keep driving past the area . . . carefully.

It would be foolish to ignore the national championship game Monday night that embarrassed the University of Alabama's number one-ranked football team. Those who watched the meltdown can attest this was no crazy bounce of the football, but Clemson did a masterful job of picking the Crimson Tide apart on offense as well as on the defensive side. Plus, the Tide, famous for regrouping and overcoming missteps, just never seemed to figure out a correction to overcome the seemingly perfect Clemson game plan. The positive spin from some Bama fans Tuesday morning was that their loss was to a product (head coach) of the Tide's coaching system.

Making Safety the Easy Choice on the Farm

Agriculture is one of the most dangerous occupations in the U.S. For the most part, the high risks faced by farm families are the result of injuries.

In public health, the term injury is often preferred to the term accident, because it makes it clearer that most of these are preventable, not random. And that's very much the case for farm safety – the most common injuries are ones that are very preventable, with a little effort and investment on your part.

Making sure you have the needed safety equipment on hand when and where you may need it makes you much more likely to use it than if you'd need to make a special trip to pick the equipment up.

While how to make a farm safer will obviously vary according to the type of operation and the specifics of your farm, keeping in mind the idea of making the safe choice the easy choice is a useful guideline.

Is the safety equipment you need easily accessible to the places you'll be using it? Safety equipment takes many forms on the farm –

not just things like respirators and coveralls, but also tools like boot scrapers to minimize slips and falls.

How can you make it so easy that when your boots are muddy, you'll scrape them off sooner, rather than later? Simply installing multiple scrapers in the places you're most likely to need them might make it easier

for you (and others on your farm) to keep boots cleaner and the risks of falls lower. This is just one simple example of how advance planning can help you automatically do the safe thing. Exactly what will work on your farm is something you're the best person to decide.

Taking an inventory of

your operation can help you identify potential trouble spots. Are there times when you often take a shortcut, because doing something the safer way would take too long? How can you make that safer way easier for you to do, every time? Are the right tools and safety equipment close at hand to where they'll be used?

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Dec. 31, made the following arrests: two for failure to appear, two for domestic violence, one arrest on warrant, and two for possession of a controlled substance.

There were six traffic citations and 20 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the time-frame of Dec. 31st – Jan. 6th.

MONDAY, DEC. 31 – Officers served a warrant at a residence on Taylor Mill Road and arrested on female subject (12:44 a.m.); Officers met with a complainant in reference to

a theft of property (11:00 a.m.); Officers met with a complainant in reference to a harassment on King Circle (2:31 p.m.); Officers met with a complainant in reference to a past tense burglary on Hwy 189 (3:31 p.m.); Report of a domestic disturbance on Adkison Ave (7:21 p.m.); Officers out with a homeowner on Williams Ave in reference to shooting fireworks – given a verbal warning in regards to shooting fireworks in the city limits (11:47 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JAN. 1 – Possible domestic disturbance reported in area of Hwy 166 – unable to locate (12:21 a.m.); Officers got out at a residence on Hwy 166 and saw a large amount of blood inside residence that could possible be related to previous call on Hwy 166 – still negative contact with anyone at the residence (12:36 a.m.); Report of domestic dispute in area of Beaver Dam Apartments – two subjects arrested for domestic violence (2:23 a.m.); Report of a subject harassing a female in area of Hwy 189 N (1:53 p.m.); Officers out at Laundromat on E Davis St in reference to possible drug activity (3:32 p.m.); Fireworks complaint in area of County Rd 407 (7:12 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported in area of Jackson St (8:52 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2 – Officers cleared the roadway of a deer at Hwy 203 and Smith Ave (2:03 a.m.); Report of subject stealing donuts at Elba Travel Center (6:27 a.m.); Harassment reported at Beaver Dam Apartments (1:58 p.m.); Officers assisted county deputies with a traffic stop on a subject with a felony warrant – deputies arrested the subject (9:17 p.m.); Fireworks

complaint on Sunset Blvd (9:25 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JAN. 3 – Officers responded to a call on Claxton Ave in reference to someone knocking on the caller's door (12:14 a.m.); Officers responded to a call on Old Curtis Rd in reference to someone trying to break into the caller's residence (5:07 a.m.); Possible assault reported at the Elba Travel Center (3:11 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JAN. 4 – Report of damage to a school bus on Tiger Dr (10:37 a.m.); Complaint of several juveniles in the area of Harper Dr possibly using illegal drugs (2:05 p.m.); Possible drunk driver reported in area of Hwy 189 N headed towards Elba – officers located and was determined to be a bad tire and headlight problems not a drunk driver (5:56 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JAN. 5 – Officers out with an intoxicated driver in area of Hwy 84 – subject arrested for DUI and Possession of Controlled Substance (4:50 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Beaver Dam Apts in area of Beaver Dam St (6:24 p.m.); Disorderly person reported at Elba Travel Center (7:54 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on N Claxton Ave (11:05 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JAN. 6 – Single vehicle wreck (vs deer) reported on Hwy 84 (12:04 a.m.); Disorderly person reported at the Elba Travel Center (1:37 a.m.); Unruly juvenile reported on Reynolds St (7:03 a.m.); Verbal argument reported on Fox Dr (3:28 p.m.).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Linda,

I am writing you regarding the cost of my photo ID in order to vote. The cost has risen to \$36.25.

Fortunately for me, my family will provide the funds necessary for me to obtain an ID card allowing me to be able to vote. As for me, I make a point of staying abreast of local, state, and national politics.

I feel that it is important to recognize the increased cost of purchasing an ID card in order to vote. We in Elba, live in a predominately elderly and poverty town.

Anyone paying attention would have to had noticed the number of people living in Elba who have to walk or ride a bicycle because they have no other form of transportation. For many of the elderly, they often are living on social security only and have to choose between medication and food. This leaves them unable to afford an ID card.

Many, due to their age are no longer able to drive. As for many of our citizens living in poverty, they are both unable and disheartened regarding their ability to have any influence regarding elections in Alabama.

There was a time when only white males were allowed to vote. Following that, it was required that one had to be a landowner in order to vote.

Subsequent to that, a poll tax was implemented to eliminate the possibility of the poor and disadvantaged to be allowed to vote. The current rise in the cost of an ID card is in this day and time is the equivalent of another poll tax.

Regardless, of one's political beliefs, every citizen has an inalienable right to cast their ballot. I think this is important and it is our Christian and American responsibility to correct this unfair policy.

With respect,
James Weldon Greek

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Card of Thanks

We would like to extend sincere thanks for all the love and support shown to our family during the sudden loss of **Jakan Kyle**. All the prayers, calls, food, cards, flowers, and other acts of kindness shown were very much appreciated.

We especially extend thanks to our entire community for your rallying around our family, as well as, the families of Quentin Bryan and Branden Nelson during this time. It means more than you will ever know. Please continue to keep us all in your prayers as we deal with the loss of these three young men.

May God Bless Each of You,
Ray and Faye Kyle

Card Of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to everyone for your prayers, calls, visits, cards, food and other acts of kindness shown during Ricky's illness and death. Your thoughts and prayers will continue to be source of strength for us.

The Ricky Morris Family

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SUBWAY

**DEALS ARE
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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

RONALD BLAKE "RONNY" JINRIGHT

Mr. Ronald Blake "Ronny" Jinright, age 83, a resident of Elba, Ala., died



Monday, Dec. 31, 2018, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Dwight Johnson officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Ronny successfully owned and operated a TV and radio repair shop in Elba for a number of years. Upon closing the business he continued to work in the local hardware store and drove a school bus for 20 years. Ronny was a member of the Elba "Fishing club" for a number of years where he spent countless hours on the water with his fellow fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Margaret Nix Fields and Harvey Jinright.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years: Gloria Jinright, Elba; **daughter:** Rhonda (Rob) Kraatz, Niceville, Fla.; **sons:** Curtis "Pete" (Linda) Jinright, Chesapeake, Va., Keith (Dee) Jinright, Mary Esther, Fla., Ken (Marilyn) Jinright, Crestview, Fla., and Scott Flowers, Eufaula, Ala.; **seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren;** and three **sisters:** Rita Duncan, Point Washington, Fla., Libby Reed, Freeport, Fla., and Lynn Stone, Troy, Ala.

QUENTIN D. BRYAN

Mr. Quentin D. Bryan, age 19, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018, in Kinston, Ala., due to injuries from a vehicle accident.



Funeral services were held

Jan. 4, 2019 at Coleman Funeral Home of Elba.

Quentin De'Shaun [A.K.A. "Bud"] was born on April 20, 1999 in Enterprise, Ala. to Paige Bryan and the late Tony Daniels. He graduated in 2017 from Elba High School. Quentin attended Wooten Chapel Assembly of God.

Quentin was preceded in death by his father, Tony Daniels; grandmother, Frances Daniels; and great-grandparents, W.T. Bryan, Catheryn Bryan, Rosa Daniels, John Daniels, Buna Wright, and J.C. Wright.

Survivors include his **son:** Emmerson Vaughan, Enterprise; his **mother:** Paige Bryan (Robert Kilow); **sisters:** Trinity Bryan and Jacquetta Daniels, both of Elba; **brothers:** Tony O'Neal Daniels and Kordale Villella, both of Elba; **grandparents:** Michael and Jane Bryan, Elba, and Charlie C. Daniels; **nephew:** Antonio Hill, Elba; a **special cousin:** Iverson Kelley (best friend), Elba, **special friend:** Ashlea Vaughan, Enterprise; **uncles:** Wallace Daniels Jr. and Shawn Bryan, Elba; **aunts:** Stephanie Daniels Smith (Shannon Smith), Elba; Contina Daniels Caldwell (Jasper Caldwell), Enterprise; and a host of cousins.

WILLIE JAMES WALKER

Mr. Willie James Walker, age 82, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018, at Mizell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29, 2018 at Coleman Funeral Home of Elba.

Willie James was born Nov. 20, 1936 to the late George and Laura Ann Walker in Barbour County Ala. He was a member of Christ at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Anne Mae Abbott, a daughter, Janet Lockett, and his best friend, Nathaniel Russell.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 61 years: Ruby Lee Rogers; **brother:** George Albert Walker; **daughters:** Johnnie "Pat" Daniels, Barbara Tillis, Christine Weston, Christilisa Walker, Resia (Cecil) Haywood, Wanda Walker, Mollye (Jeffrey) Melton; **grandchildren:** Tameka Wilkerson, Fabreka (Eric) Morris, Marcus Tillis, Dannie Weston, Eric Weston, Michelle (Sorren) Riddick-Seals, Brandi Paul, Christilisa "Missy" Gilmore, Ciandra "Colie" Gilmore, Johnathan Lockett, Adrienne Haywood, Henderson Baker III, Brittany Melton, Kaci Melton; **great-grandchildren:** Arianna Pruitt, Yasianna Weston, Braylon Morris, Camora Baker, Naomi Weston, Maximus Mesa, Cartier Baker; five **sisters-in-law;** four **brothers-in-law;** and a host of nieces and nephews along with aunts and uncles.

GENE A. BELL

Mr. Gene A. Bell, age 89, of Troy, Ala., died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018, suddenly at his home.



Funeral services were held Dec. 12, 2018 from the chapel of Green Hills

Funeral Home with Reverend James Taylor officiating. Burial followed in the Green Hills Memorial Park Cemetery with Green Hills Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Bell served as manager for over 38 years of the Troy Branch of Chevron Chemical.

Mr. Bell was preceded in death by his parents, Curbie and Susan Bell, and nephew, Andy Bell Bullard.

Survivors include his loving wife of 63 years: Pauline H. Bell; **daughter:** Lisa Boutwell (Freddie Newman); **grandson:** Lee Boutwell (Stephanie); **great-granddaughter:** Isabella Boutwell; and **sister:** Anne Bullard, all of Elba, Ala.

MYRTLE ALICE RUSHING SMITH

Mrs. Myrtle Alice Rushing Smith, age 92, a former resident of Elba,



Ala., died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019, at her daughter's home in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 4, 2019, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Bob Sanders officiating. Tim Willis provided special music. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wallace Pearson Smith, along with a son, William Pearson Smith, and her parents, Clara and Patrick Rushing.

Survivors include a **daughter:** Lucrecia "Cricket" George (Kevin), Dothan; **granddaughters:** Jessica (Jonathan) McNeley, and Haley George, both of Dothan; **great-granddaughter:** Brooklyn McNeley, and **great-grandson:** Nickolas York, both of Dothan; and a **sister:** Gladys Chandler, Luverne, Ala.

GRADY AUGUSTUS FARRIS

Mr. Grady Augustus Farris, age 95, a resident of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019, at his home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, at the First Baptist Church of Elba with Rev. Michael Woodham officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family requests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church of Elba, where Grady was honored as a lifetime deacon, c/o 606 Simmons Street, Elba, AL 36323.

Grady was a longtime member of the Elba Masonic Lodge 170. He served his country in the United States Marine Corp during WWII. Grady worked at Dorsey Trailers for 43 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Syble Irene Smith Farris and Stephen Augustus Farris, along with siblings, Lori Farris, Mary Ester Miles, John W. Farris, Carroll Ballard Farris, and George M. Farris.

Survivors include his wife of 70 years: Miriam J. Farris, Elba; **sons:** Terry W. Farris (wife, Vickie P. Farris), Elba, Ricky A. Farris, Enterprise, Ala., Jimmy N. Farris (wife, Debbie C. Farris), Conyers, Ga.; **sisters:** Lenora Reeves, Elba, and Lois Kelley, New Brockton, Ala.; **grandchildren:** Susan (Joey) Stephenson, Terri Ann (Joe) Stout, Carrie (Grady) Fuller, Casey (Julie) Farris, Heidi Bowers, Greg Bowers; **great-grandchildren:** Kimberly Stephenson, Brittany Long, Cassie Stephenson, Dillan Farris, and Gage Stout, and two **great great-grandchildren:** Riligh Stephenson and Emma Williams.

RICHARD JAMES THOMAS

Mr. Richard James Thomas, age 73, a resident of Elba, Ala., died unexpectedly Friday, Jan. 4, 2019, in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Graveside services were held Monday, Jan. 7, 2019, at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens with Rev. Michael Woodham



officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers the family requested memorials be made, in honor of Richard, to Enterprise Ozark Community College's baseball program where his grandson Clay is a player.

Richard was born Dec. 21, 1945 in Preston, England, the son of Eva Sara McGowen Thomas, and James Dawson Thomas.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years: Bertie Henderson Thomas, Elba; **son:** Chris Thomas, Elba; **daughter:** April (Troy) Kelley, Elba; **grandsons:** Jonathan Kelley and Clayton Kelley, both of Elba, and Timothy Dustin Wallace, Enterprise, Ala.; **granddaughters:** Sarah Reagan Kelley, Elba, and Sarah Presley Thomas, Enterprise; his **sisters:** Linda T. (John Robert) Smith, Elba, Gloria (George R.) Jeffcoat, Gordon, Ala., and Nancy (Tom) King, Augusta, Ga.

BOBBY EDWARDS

Mr. Bobby Edwards, age 64, of Opp, Ala., died Dec. 22, 2018 at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29, 2018 at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Bobby was born June 4, 1954 to the late John Edwards Sr. and Catherine Stoudmire of Opp. He married Lee Etha Flowers on July 1, 1995. He was employed by Pilgrim Pride for 38 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, and four siblings - Mary, Kathy, John Jr. and Sharon.

Survivors include his wife: Lee Edwards; three **daughters:** Beverly (Marvin) Berry, Jessica Edwards, and Pamela Edwards; two **step children:** Timothy (Juandolyn) Fleming and Shendra (Kenneth) Patterson; two **sisters:** Shellan Mount (Sam) and Tina Hayes (Lester); three **brothers:** Mike Edwards (Rosemary), Nathaniel Edwards and Paul Edwards; **God sister:** Eva Copes (Steve); eight **grandchildren** and two **great-grandchildren;** along with his aunts and uncles, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

JOSEPHINE PEOPLES

Mrs. Josephine Peoples, age 72, a native of Elba, Ala., died recently at her residence in Enterprise,

Ala.

Funeral services were held Dec. 24, 2018 at Coleman Funeral Home of Elba.

Josephine was born Nov. 18, 1946 to the late Massey and Alice "Nellie" Rowe in Elba. She was a graduate of Mulberry Heights School.

In 1973 she married William Thomas "Booker" Peoples and later moved to Gainesville, Fla. Josephine worked 32 years at Duval Elementary in Gainesville until she retired and moved back home to be with her brothers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and sister - Annie Jo Davis.

Survivors include her **brothers:** Charlie (Cora) Rowe, Shiloh, Ala., Larry Rowe and Jerry Rowe, Enterprise; and **brother in law:** Johnny Davis; along with her aunts and uncle, three nieces, five nephews, three great-nieces, six great-nephews, special niece and nephew - Hope and Gerald James, Enterprise, and a host of cousins and special friends.

WILLIE DARLING MOODY

Mr. Willie Darling Moody, age 84, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019, in Beaumont, Texas.

Will was born Dec. 24, 1934 in Opp, Ala., to John and Alice Adelia Moody. He married Wanda Marie Sanders Moody, his wife of 61 years, on May 25, 1957. He was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force and a graduate of McNeese State University in Lake Charles, La. with both a Bachelor's and Master's degree.

They lived in Moss Bluff, La. for 40 years.

The funeral service celebrating his life was held Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, at First Baptist Church in Silsbee.

Will was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda Marie Sanders Moody; son, Richard Keith Moody; parents, John and Alice Adelia Moody; brother, K. P. Moody; sisters, Johnnie Mae Morgan and Laurette Hubble; son-in-law, John Exum; and great-granddaughter, Annie Ruth Rowell.

Survivors include his **son:** Scott (Lori) Moody, and **daughter:** Jennifer Moody Exum of Silsbee, Texas; **sisters:** Avanelle Lawford, Elba, Ala., Frances McLean, Dothan, Ala.; **brother:** James Moody, Bulverde, Texas; **grandchildren:** Wes and Heather Moody, Lumberton, Texas, Lauren and Chad Rowell, Leonard, Texas, Mary Moody, Washington, D.C., Alexander and Emily Exum, Silsbee, Texas; and five **great-grandchildren.**

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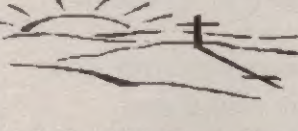
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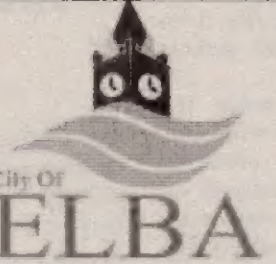
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LIFESTYLES

Elba residents receive degree in nursing from Troy University

Troy University recognized students who completed the requirements for graduation during the Fall Semester and Term 2 of the 2018/2019 academic year. Local residents who graduated include:

Meleigha Burrows of Elba, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Chancey Marler of Elba, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; and Morgan Matthews of Elba, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

RWCC meeting set for Jan. 16th

The Republican Women of Coffee County [RWCC] will meet Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Enterprise Country Club.

Social time begins at 11 a.m.; optional \$12 buffet is at 11:30; business conducted at 11:45; and the program begins at noon. Guest speaker will be Vicki Drummond, Alabama's National Republican Committeewoman. Also

speaking will be Alan Waters, a recipient of the President George H.W. Bush's 1000 Points of Light award.

The recipient of the RWCC Woman of the Year for 2018 will be announced as well during this meeting.

Reservations are necessary. RSVP by calling Jan White at 494-3763 or email: rwccreservations@gmail.com.



RWCC members Elaine Ridenour (left) and Sue Neuwien (right) are shown on their way to Port St. Joe with blankets and jackets. This was the third of five trips made to Port St. Joe, each time with a car full of blankets and jackets.

Republican Women of Coffee County assist hurricane victims in Port St. Joe, Fla. area

Hurricane Michael hit the Florida Panhandle on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, and the devastation was beyond belief.

Mexico Beach was ground zero, and areas to the west, east, and north also were severely damaged or destroyed. Several Republican Women of Coffee County (RWCC) members have made trips in the aftermath of the storm to help out in several affected areas.

RWCC realized the need was great and wanted to help. The organization was referred to Regina Washburn of Port St. Joe, Fla. She operates the Methodist Church Care Closet, a collection and distribution point for clothing, bedding, food, shoes, etc., for those in need—everything is free.

The RWCC was told the most needed items were jackets and blankets, and the members decided to have a jacket and blanket drive for hurricane survivors. On Nov. 26th, a call went out to their members and the community for donations of gently used or new blankets and jackets in all sizes.

The response was overwhelming—hundreds of coats, jackets, sweaters, blankets, plus some work boots were collected. As the donations came in, the clothing was sorted by size and put on hangers.

The first delivery to Port St. Joe was made Nov. 29th by SUV—it was packed to the roof. The blankets were gone in less than five minutes and the jackets did not last much longer.

Four more trips were made—on one trip, two carloads were taken. The last trip was made Dec. 19th. Like the first trip, the blankets and jackets went quickly.

Those who made the trips also helped with sorting and sizing clothing. Port St. Joe organizers set up a store that was well organized and welcoming to everyone who comes in to shop for free. Volunteers also are a part of the success of the Care Closet—they always have smiles on their faces, even though most of them are hurricane survivors themselves. They are dedicated to serving the people of the Port

St. Joe area.

RWCC extends its deepest appreciation to those who donated to this worthy

cause. This effort truly made a difference in the lives of the survivors of Hurricane Michael.

Annual Black History Banquet planned for Saturday, Feb. 2, at Enterprise Civic Center

Club Yesepoch Inc. announces it is immersed in the planning stages of the 21st Annual Community-Wide Black History Banquet scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Enterprise Civic Center.

Tickets can be purchased from any club member for \$25 each. Proceeds received in support of this event will be utilized for the advancement of the community.

Questions regarding this announcement should be directed to club president Marilyn Yelverton at 917-847-5069 or reporter Michelle Goosby at 334-406-9895. Club Yesepoch Inc. is a non-profitable, charitable organization composed of Black Women in the city of Enterprise.

Coffee County's 2019 Holiday Schedule

- New Year's Day TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019
- Martin L. King's/Robert E. Lee's Birthday MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019
- President's Day MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019
- Memorial Day MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019
- Independence Day THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2019
- Labor Day MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2019
- Veteran's Day MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019
- Thanksgiving Day THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2019
- Day Following

Thanksgiving Day FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2019

• Christmas Eve TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019

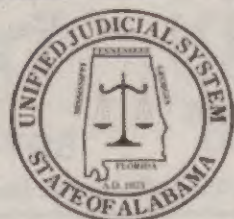
• Christmas Day WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019

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DAV Chapter 99 meeting set for Jan. 24

The January 2019 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be Thursday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707.



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The 2019 Pike Piddler's Storytelling Festival will be Friday, Jan. 25, and Saturday, Jan. 26th in Pike County. This year's storytelling event will feature Donald Davis, Sheila Kay Adams, Michael Reno Harrell, and Kevin Kling. The opening night will be held at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundage while the Saturday shows will be at the Trojan Center Theater on the Troy University campus in Troy.

Storytelling event coming to Pike County in late January

The Brundage Historical Society presents the 2019 Pike Piddler's Storytelling Festival Friday, Jan. 25, and Saturday, Jan. 26th in Pike County.

This year's storytelling event will feature Donald Davis, Sheila Kay Adams, Michael Reno Harrell, and Kevin Kling.

It begins Friday, Jan. 25,

with supper and stories at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundage, Ala. This show starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

On Saturday, Jan. 26, there will be three storytelling concerts at the Trojan Center Theater on the campus of Troy University in Troy, Ala. The show times are 10 a.m. (\$10 tickets); 2 p.m. (\$15

tickets); and 6:30 p.m. (\$10 tickets)

Pre-show music for the storytelling concerts will be by The Benton Brothers and Company, The Lighthouse String Ensemble, and The Hendersons.

For tickets or more information, call (334) 344-9427; (334) 670-6302; or (334) 685-5524.



The Coffee County Arts Alliance will present Ensemble Mélange in concert Thursday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center. Mélange is a modern day ensemble that is changing the rules of performance. Unique to their performance is the manner in which the program is selected.

Coffee County Arts Alliance event set for Jan. 17th

The Coffee County Arts Alliance will present Ensemble Mélange in concert Thursday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center in Enterprise, Ala. "You choose. They play."

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ern day ensemble that is changing the rules of performance. Unique to their performance is the manner in which the program is selected. The audience is invited to select the works to be performed by choosing from a menu of over 30 works derived from different styles. Genres vary from Classical, Baroque, Romantic, Jazz, Latin, Americana and Broadway.

The result is a one-of-a-kind, high energy concert. It is a concert that is fun for audience members of every age and walk of life; bring the kids, bring Grandma! Hear a variety of tunes, some of which one may discover for the first time.

Selections include "Piano Sonata No. 24", "Take My Hand, Precious Lord", "Sophisticated Lady", "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes", "Cabaret", "So In Love", "Candide Overture", "Mexican Serenade" and "Far From the Home I Love".

This performance is a presentation of Coffee

County Arts Alliance and Center Drugs & Home Health. The 2018-2019 season is dedicated to the memory of Edwin L. and Elizabeth L. Skelton.

For information, call 334.406.2787 or visit the web at www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com

Tickets are available at these locations and on the website: In Enterprise - David's Westgate Beauty Salon, Redbrick Pizza (next to Publix), The Framery; In New Brockton - Hair Haven; In Elba - Wildflowers Florist & Gifts; In Troy - The Printing Press Inc.; In Daleville - MaFosky's Deli; In Dothan - Scrubs 101 (behind Atlanta Bread Co); In Ft. Rucker - MWR Central - Soldier Service Center; and In Ozark - The Flower Shoppe ETC.

Individual ticket prices: Purchased in advance: \$25 for adults, \$20 for students. Purchased the day of the event: \$30 for adults, \$23 for students

CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dwight Johnson

LEAD PASTOR

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Things were good for King Solomon and for Israel. The splendid new temple had just been dedicated. Everyone had gone home "joyful and glad in heart" (2 Chronicles 7:10). But, God knew that it wouldn't always be that way. When things had settled down and all was quiet, God told Solomon "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (verses 13,14).

The two most important words in verse 14 are two of the smallest - "if" and "then". God promised miraculous answers and actions, but only "if" his people would perform the four prerequisites. "Then", he would do what he said.

Today, far too many people far too often want the blessings of God without committing themselves to the disciplines of prayer and personal holiness. We want God to answer, but on our terms. But personal and national renewal are of immeasurable value. So like salvation, they are free, but not cheap. God will freely and graciously grant the blessings of heaven "if" we take care of personal business. "Then", renewal and healing will come.

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Email editor Linda Hodge at

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Irrigation workshops set for Jan. 23rd in Dothan

Some Alabama producers will soon have the opportunity to add irrigation systems to their farms thanks to funding from the new Alabama Irrigation Initiative.

The initiative will provide cost-share funding to farmers for installation of new irrigation systems. The Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Committee is working with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and other institutions, including the

Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Auburn University (AU), to identify which watersheds will have funding priority.

In response to this initiative, Alabama Extension will host free irrigation workshops for producers Jan. 23 in Dothan.

These workshops include trainings, as well as on-farm demonstrations of the best irrigation practices and technologies.

Dr. Brenda Ortiz, an Alabama Extension precision agriculture specialist, said several speakers will discuss a variety of topics.

"We have invited a group of speakers with extensive experience on irrigation to share their knowledge with farmers and crop consultants," Ortiz said.

Speakers include faculty, specialists and agents from Alabama Extension and AU, as well as the

Matrons and Missionary Day set for Greater Springfield MB Church

The Annual Matrons and Missionary Day for Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church in New Brockton, Ala., will be Sunday, Jan. 13, at 2:30 p.m.

The theme is Sisters of

Faith [Hebrews 11:6].

Guest speaker will be Rev. Maurice K. Mickles, of St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in Enterprise, Ala.

All are invited to attend this special event.

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Program set for Jan. 19th in Elba

The Mulberry District Association's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration program will be Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Mulberry District Association building, located on Hwy. 84 W in Elba, beginning at 4 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Rev. C.A. Hammond Jr.,

pastor of the Union Grove Baptist Church in Enterprise, Ala. Special music will be provided by the Union Grove Male Chorus.

The public and local church congregations are invited to come and share in this celebration.

Harris Temple COGIC set to sponsor 2019 youth conference in late January

Harris Temple Church of God in Christ will be sponsoring the A.C.T.S. 2019 Youth conference from January 24th through the 26th.

The theme of this event is 'Young, Anointed and Focused'.

Speakers include: Elder Sheree Hardrick on Thursday night at 7 p.m.;

Pastor Charlie Smith Jr. will be the speaker on Friday night also at 7 p.m.; Saturday night at 6 p.m. will be Elder Rodrick Caldwell Appreciation Service. Senior Pastor Superintendent W. K. Ellison is the host pastor.

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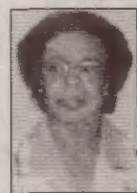
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December Birthdays / Anniversaries

Danny and Janice Cole 12/27 (W.A.)

Lorene S. Dawson 12/27 (in memory)

Cavosea Stinson 12/27

Rosalyn Cooks 12/27

Rob and Diana Stinson 12/27 (W.A.)

Jordan Douglas 12/27

Thomas Williams 12/28 (in memory)

Anaiya Henderson 12/28

Sonya Wheeler Rich 12/28

Lorene Cole 12/28 (in memory)

Alice Musgrove 12/28

Leslie Moore 12/29 (in memory)

Speaking Evil

Nearly everyone agrees that there has been a coarsening of Western culture in the last fifty years or so. Rudeness and disrespect, from "road rage" and abuse of elderly family members to simple lack of courtesy in everyday interactions, have all been documented. Television and movies now often use formerly forbidden profanities. In fact, such expressions are so common as to have lost their shock value.

A newspaper reporter recently questioned college students about why there is so much foul language at college athletic events. One said, "It's a lot of fun...foul language debases my self image, but I use it anyway out of habit." Another does it because he wants to "encourage" his team. He added that it probably isn't

appropriate because "there are little kids there, but I don't feel bad."

Jude tells us that disrespect for others, especially leaders, is just one of many attitudes that impugn our character and have a destructive effect on the life of the church and society. As Christians we ought to provide an example that is strongly contrary to the way the cultural winds are blowing. - C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section Q/A. for the Week of 1/10/19

Q: In the book of Romans 12th Chapter, what do verses 17, 19, and 21 teach us about getting back at people who do us wrong?

A: If someone does us wrong, do not pay that person back with another unkind act, do not seek revenge. In fact, if someone does evil to us, we are supposed to do something good for them, good will overcome evil.

Thought to Remember
Praise the Creator!

Questions for the Week of 1/17/19

Q: In Jesus' parable, Peter seemed to think that a person would be gracious in forgiving someone how many times? And what was Jesus' response?

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Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Tom Senn, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST

Rev. Remonia Smith

Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills-Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Dianna White, Pastor

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.

Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Dale Morgan-Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EATON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Phillip Box, Minister

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

Rev. David Noble, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner-Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.

Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH

Michael Woodham, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

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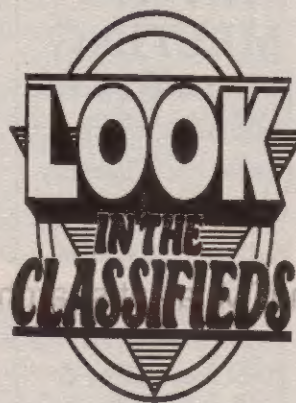
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Howard Brent Rachel
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12/27,1-3,10-pd

**IN THE PROBATE
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IN RE: The Estate of
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Case No: PC 2018-088

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Estate of Mozelle Prescott,
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Hon. Steve Blair, Judge of
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Prescott, deceased
1/3-10-17/pd

**IN THE PROBATE
COURT OF COFFEE
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ELBA DIVISION
RE: In the matter of:
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RY,
Alleged to be incapacitated
person

CASE NO PC 2018-090

NOTICE OF HEARING

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Done this the 18th day of
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/s/Steven E. Blair
Steven E. Blair
Probate Judge
1-3,10,17-pd

**IN THE MATTER OF
BEVERLY BERRY,**
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**IN THE PROBATE
COURT OF
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ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC2018-082

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Witness my hand this the
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/s/ Steven E. Blair
Probate Judge
1/10, 17&24-pd.

**IN THE PROBATE
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(Elba Division)

CASE NO: PC 208-77

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
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/s/ Steven Blair
Judge of Probate

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BCBS of Alabama making available \$250,000 to schools statewide with the "Be Healthy School Grant" program

In an ongoing commitment to help prevent childhood obesity, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama continues its Be Healthy School Grant Program.

For the 2019-2020 school year, Blue Cross will make available \$250,000 and award grants up to \$10,000 to 25 schools across the state that enroll students in grades K through six. Since 2012, Blue Cross has awarded more than \$1.5 million in 167 Be Healthy School Grants statewide impacting over

81,000 students.

"We continue to see the positive impact of the Be Healthy School Grant Program in schools across our state," says Jeff Adams, Community Relations Manager, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. "The ongoing success of our school grant program validates the investment we are making in the long-term health of Alabama's children."

The grants are for the implementation of school-based health and wellness programs that emphasize increased exercise, nutri-

tion education and parental involvement during the school year. Applications can be completed on the website

at AlabamaBlue.com/schoolgrant. The deadline to submit an application is Friday, March 22, 2019.

Each selected school will receive a grant of up to \$10,000, and schools will be further recognized with a Blue Cross Be Healthy School banner. In April 2020, students who successfully complete their school's program will be presented with Be Healthy awards by Blue Cross.



U.S. Representative Martha Roby was sworn-in Thursday, Jan. 3, to her fifth term serving Alabama's Second District in the U.S. House of Representatives. She is shown above with her family surrounding her, along with Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

TB&T employee named to Alabama Trust Fund Board

Jeff Kervin, President and CEO of Troy Bank & Trust recently announced that East Alabama Regional President, Stacy Faison, had been appointed to the Alabama Trust Fund Board of Directors effective November 1, 2018, subject to senate confirmation in the spring 2019 legislative session.

"We are very excited to support Stacy as he joins the Board of the Alabama Trust Fund," said Kervin. "Stacy brings years of banking and financial service experience to this new appointment."

Faison joins the Board with more than 20 years of experience in the financial services industry and an extensive background in commercial, retail and private wealth banking. After earning a B.S.B.A. in accounting and a Master's in business administration from Troy University, he went on to graduate from Georgia Banking School at the University of Georgia Terry College of Business and Georgia Bankers Association, Graduate School of Banking Program. He was also recognized as Troy University's Distinguished National Alumnus of the Year in 2007.

Faison currently is enrolled in the Alabama Bankers Association Bank Executive Leadership Program and is scheduled to graduate in 2020.

Along with his professional accomplishments, Faison takes pride in being heavily involved in his community through many roles he has held and currently holds. He served three terms on the Board of Advisors for Troy University's Athletics' Hall of Fame, and presently serves on Troy University's Dean's Advisory Board for the Sorrell College of



Stacy Faison

Business, Chairman of the Board and Executive Committee at Piedmont Columbus Regional Healthcare Foundation, Auburn Chamber Board and is a Cofounder and Board member of Lindsey Kate's Closet, a non-profit organization dedicated to foster care and adoption efforts.

He is married to the former Tracie Denise Pearson of Brundidge, Ala. She is an Independent Adoption Consultant (Troy University Social Work graduate and Alabama LBSW). They are proud parents of a 10-year-old daughter, Lindsey Kate Faison, and reside in Auburn, Ala. They are members of the 4th Street Baptist Church.

"I am extremely honored to be appointed by Gov. Ivey to one of the state's most valuable financial assets, The Alabama Trust Fund Board, which has over Three Billion Dollars in Assets," says Faison. "Certainly, I realize the tremendous trust instilled upon me to be a highly responsible steward of the Trust assets on behalf of the citizens of Alabama. Therefore, I pledge to serve on the board with the highest level of honesty and integrity realizing the significant impact our board decisions to fund essential services and enhance rev-

enues of the state will have on the future of Alabama."

In 1985, the voters of the state approved Amendment 450 creating the Alabama Trust Fund (ATF) as an irrevocable, permanent trust fund. The ATF was established to capture future revenues from sales of offshore drilling rights and from royalties on the resulting gas production.

This amendment also terminated the Heritage Trust Fund in 2001 with all trust capital transferred to the ATF. The initial corpus of the ATF was \$333,583,680. In December 2001, the Heritage Trust Fund transferred \$467,002,694 in trust capital to the ATF.

The trust fund initially received as principal 99 percent of all oil and gas capital payments paid to the State, with the remaining one percent to the Department of Conservation-Lands Division. Several subsequent amendments have modified this.

Dancing With The King™ presents Singing With the King™ talent search

The annual Dancing With The King™ Weekend, set for March 22-24, and presented by the Tupelo, Mississippi Elvis™ Fan Club, is seeking talented young vocalists of high school senior age and younger to participate in its March 22-23 Singing With The King™ contest.

Featuring scholarships to further music education, three workshops with industry experts and performance experience, the contest identifies talent from the region and gives participants the opportunity to explore in-depth the world of music. Workshop leaders for the two-day event include Clay Mills, a native of Mississippi and

two-time Grammy-nominated songwriter, Buzzy Orange, a Nashville musician and performance coach and Demi VanderWerff, an award-winning vocal coach and performer.

To apply for a scholarship, go to dancingwiththeking.com/singer and submit a vocal recording. Recordings must be received by Jan. 31, 2019.

Twenty five applicants will receive scholarships for the entire Dancing and Singing With The King™ Weekend and will perform live for the opportunity to earn additional scholarship money.

For more info., visit dancingwiththeking.com

Roby sworn-in to fifth term as 116th Congress begins

U.S. Representative Martha Roby (R-AL) Thursday, Jan. 3, was sworn-in to her fifth term serving Alabama's Second District in the U.S. House of Representatives, taking the oath:

"I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

As the 116th Congress begins, Representative Roby pledged to continue prioritizing the issues that are most important to

Alabama's Second District, including properly funding our nation's military, caring for veterans, fighting for farmers, cracking down on illegal immigration, and defending the unborn. "I am honored and deeply humbled to represent Alabama's Second District in Congress and serve as a voice for our shared conservative priorities," Representative Roby said. "With every vote I cast, my guiding principle is that Alabama always comes

first. From supporting Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base and Fort Rucker to improving veterans' health care and advancing smart agriculture policy, I will continue to fight for the issues that impact Alabamians." Representative Roby most recently served on the Appropriations Committee and the Judiciary Committee. Committee assignments for the 116th Congress have not yet been made.

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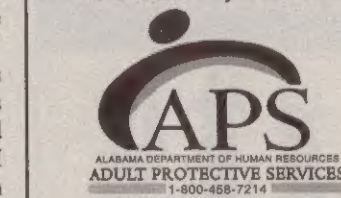
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"While UTVs are a lot of fun to drive, they should be treated like work vehicles, not toys," reminds Kris Kiser, President and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), an international trade association representing more than 100 power equipment, engine, and utility vehicle manufacturers and suppliers.

OPEI offers the following safety tips:

- **Read the owner's manual.** Follow all guidelines and familiarize with the controls. Misplaced manuals can be found online and saved to a computer for future reference.

- **Inspect the UTV before operation.** Pay attention to tires, lights, and other systems. Check for missing or damaged parts. Replace any parts needed or take equipment to a qualified service representative.

- **Only responsible,**

adult drivers should operate UTVs. Take a safety course for UTV operators. Do not allow a child to operate a UTV.

- **Always wear a seat belt and utilize handholds.** UTVs are equipped with a seat belt for the operator and with seat belts for any passengers. Passengers should be tall enough to reach handholds in the UTV while their backs are against the seat and feet are flat on the floorboards.

- **Remember "all in."** Keep hands, arms, legs and feet inside the UTV at all times.

- **Exercise caution, especially on slopes.** Drive completely up or down a slope or hill before making a turn. Do not turn the vehicle in mid-slope, and stay clear of ditches and embankments. Regardless of inclines, drive slowly and turn smoothly. Pay attention when backing up.

- **Pay attention when hauling a load.** When hauling cargo the vehicle's center of gravity is raised, so one may need to slow down and adjust driving. Materials being hauled should be in the cargo box and secured.

- **Use care when towing**

a load. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for weight limits, and make sure the cargo box is loaded to assume good traction for driving and stopping. Tow a load at a speed slow enough to maintain control. Remember, the stopping distance increases with the speed and weight of a towed load.

- **Only operate the UTV in clear conditions.** Do not operate the UTV in poor weather, when tired, or when intoxicated.

- **Maintain the UTV and fuel it properly.** Follow manufacturer recommendations for maintenance, and only use E10 or less fuel. Some gas stations may offer 15 percent ethanol (E15) gas or higher ethanol fuel blends, but any fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol can damage — and is illegal to use in — small engine equipment (like a UTV) not designed for it. Also, never put "old" gas in the UTV.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Local students named to Troy University's Provost's List for Fall Semester & Term 2

Troy University this week announced its students who had been named to the Provost's List for the Fall Semester and Term 2 of the 2018/2019 academic year.

Troy University names local students to Chancellor's List

Troy University released names this week of students who had been named to the Chancellor's List for the Fall Semester and Term 2 of the 2018/2019 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List.

Local residents who made the list include:

From Elba, Ala. - Tiffani McCulloch, Joshua Simmons, Rosanna Thrash and Sarah Weeks;
From Jack, Ala. - Marisa Wambles;
From New Brockton, Ala. - Katie Kelley, Mason Dubose, and Macy McIntosh; and
From Kinston, Ala. - Cassidy Branch.

3.65 qualify for the Provost's List.

According to a release from the university, local students who made the list include:

From Elba, Ala. - James Hudson, Sidney Hussey, Sarah Kelley, Kelli Mack, Morgan Matthews, Jenny Reed, Amanda Reeves, Dustin Stewart, Hannah Whitman, and Ethan Deal;
From Jack, Ala. - Madison Powell and Heather Lasalle;
From New Brockton, Ala. - Cheyenne Strickland, Tori James, Michael Morris, Kinsley Morgan, and Megan Green; and
From Kinston, Ala. - Paige Farris and Grantham

Tax tips provided for students

Income tax season is approaching, and students may want to consider these tips from KHEAA-Alabama to help the process go more smoothly.

Although one may not have earned enough to be required to file, he/she may be able to get a refund if the employer withheld taxes from pay. Before filing, discuss the situation with parents. They may be able to claim you as a dependent, which could save them thousands of dollars.

Students and parents may be able to take advantage of these programs on their federal taxes:

American Opportunity Credit, available for the first four years of college.

Lifetime Learning Credit, available if a taxpayer or a dependent is taking college courses to acquire or improve job skills.

Tuition and fees deduction, which lets taxpayers

deduct qualified education expenses paid during the year for themselves or a dependent. The expenses must be for college.

Student loan interest deduction, which lets people deduct up to \$2,500 per year on federal taxes for interest paid on federal student loans.

For more detailed information about federal programs, go to www.irs.gov to download the free Publication 970 Tax Benefits for Education.

Tax rules may change from year to year, so make sure you have the most up-to-date information before filing.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents. KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the FAFSA. For more information about those services, visit www.kheaa.com.

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans on behalf of its sister agency, KHESLC. For more information about Advantage Education Loans, visit www.advantageeducationloan.com.

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audition tape together," she said. "Some of the producers even said mine was one of the best."

After submitting the application and audition tape, Procter said the next step was receiving a phone call that she had been chosen to come out to a combine and tryout.

The show's producers flew us out to Los Angeles to tryout and continue this journey," she said.

Procter said there were over 100 potential contestants at the combine where they all completed physical tests and challenges for the show's producers, creators and more. She said it was much like an NFL combine where athletes complete physical tests as an "audition" for potential team scouts.

"A couple week later [after the combine challenge], I got the call that I had been selected to be one of the 64 contestants for The Titan Games," Procter said. "It was quite an honor because I really didn't think I was going to get chosen."

When the show premiered last Thursday evening, Jan. 3, Procter's head-to-head challenge was the first to be aired. It was the Herculean Pull, which put the strength of the competitors to the test.

Procter put up a good challenge but fell just short

of advancing in the competition. Her challenger, Emily Andzulis [a massage therapist and MMA fighter], advanced to the Mt. Olympus challenge where she too came up just short of being the first female Titan to advance to the semi-finals. The overall goal is to make the finals where one male and one female Titan will each be crowned the ultimate overall Titan.

The Titan Games not only tests the competitors' physical strength, but it also tests their mental and emotional fortitude. NBC claims "in this uplifting series, hard work and determination will be rewarded and a new breed of heroes will emerge. Titans aren't born, they're made."

Procter said the quality of the people chosen to

compete in The Titan Games was amazing, and she said it was really nice to meet the other contestants and get to know their backgrounds.

"It was physically one of the hardest things I've ever done," Procter said. "It was so quick, but I was exhausted at the end of the challenge."

Procter said her challenger was hardcore, and she knows she will do well in the rest of her competition.

"Even though it was one of the most physically challenging things I've ever done, I know I would do it again in a heartbeat," she said.

She added, "I kind of felt like I let all my supporters down, but I all felt the love and support coming my way. I appreciate it all!"

PROCTER

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ent, even in the days of city recreational sports," Grantham said. "However, her most enduring quality was always her sportsmanship and positive attitude, which was ever present during the competition of The Titan Games. To me that's what makes her special and a great role model, and it is why she represented our town so well."

A former sixth grade

teacher of Procter's at Elba, Pam Smith said she was very impressed that Ayonna was on the show.

"She did a great job on that first round," Smith said. "She looked great!"

A former Elba classmate, Colby Capps added, "It was awesome to see someone from Elba make it on the show, but Yonnie Procter has been doing amazing things for a long time!"

LBWCC starts new fast-track training programs

LBW Community College will soon offer four new, non-college credit training programs to prepare participants for the workforce in a short amount of time.

"LBWCC is partnering with Condensed Curriculum International to offer affordable training to help individuals get the rewarding career they want in a short amount of time," said LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel. "The first four programs can be completed within three to four months."

These fast-track training courses prepare assistants for several fields through this partnership, which is offered within LBWCC's Workforce Development Division.

"Participants in these courses are required to have or be pursuing a high school diploma or GED," Riedel said.

Since the programs are approved for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding, students may qualify for tuition assistance. Training for these courses includes evening classes

twice a week, with some courses requiring additional Saturday classes.

The Medical Assistant Program is the first to get started, Feb. 12-May 23, on the MacArthur Campus in Opp. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6-9:30 p.m., and five Saturday day-long classes.

This program prepares students to assist physicians by performing functions related to the clinical aspects of a medical office. Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared to take the National Healthcare Association Certified Clinical Medical Assistant exam.

On March 5, 2019, on the MacArthur Campus in Opp, the Veterinary Assistant Program begins and runs through May 23. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6-9:30 p.m., and three Saturday day-long classes.

This program provides students an opportunity to obtain the necessary skills to succeed in an entry-level position in the field of veterinary technology.

Beginning March 18 through May 13, the Dental Assistant Program will be held on the Andalusia Campus in the Adult Education Building. Classes will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6-9:30 p.m.

Students will become familiar with all areas of administrative and clinical dental assisting, focusing on the responsibilities required to function as an assistant in a dental practice. Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board - Radiation Health

and Safety exam, as well as the Infection Control exam.

The Pharmacy Technician Program, March 25-May 13, will prepare students to enter the pharmacy field and pursue certification, including the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's exam. This program will be taught Monday and Thursday evenings, 6-9:30 p.m., on the Andalusia Campus.

Students will learn pharmacy calculations, terminology, top 200 drugs, drug identification by generic and brand names, dosage calculations, prescription dispensing, inventory control, billing, and reimbursement.

More information is available for all programs at www.lbwcc.edu, or by calling 334-881-2231.

Coffee County Honor Band to deliver concert

The Coffee County Honor Band Concert will be held Thursday, Jan. 24, in the Elba High School Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Troy University Director of Bands Dr. Mark Walker will be Honor Band Guest Clinician. Everyone is invited to attend this free concert.

Bluebird workshop set for Jan 12th at Landmark Park

A Bluebird Workshop will be held Saturday, Jan. 12, at 10 a.m. in the Interpretive Center Auditorium at Dothan's Landmark Park. This workshop is free with paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members). Learn about bluebird population and diverse environmental habitats from Dr. Gary Manfredy, North American Bluebird Society member.

Registration required. Register online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

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New Brockton resident receives degree from Baylor University

Baylor University in Waco, Texas conferred degrees on more than 900 graduates during fall commencement exercises held Dec. 15, 2018, in the Ferrell Center on the Baylor campus.

Among the graduates was Emily Lauren Page of New Brockton, Ala. She received a Master of Science degree in communication sciences and disorders.

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Elba Recreation presents champion rings to league's two football superbowl winning teams

Elba students returned to school Monday, Jan. 7, and several students were honored with a special celebration that afternoon as the Elba Parks and Recreation hosted a "Ring Ceremony" for the two youth league football teams from Elba that won their Super Bowl championship at the

end of the 2018 football season.

Elba Recreation director Greg Hanchey spoke fondly of these players and their coaches as he recalled the efforts put forth during the season to bring the championships home to Elba. He noted it was a complete team effort on

part of every player and coach.

Hanchey let the players and coaches know how proud they made their community, and he thanked them for representing Elba in a positive manner.

The happy occasion ended with a, "Go Elba!"

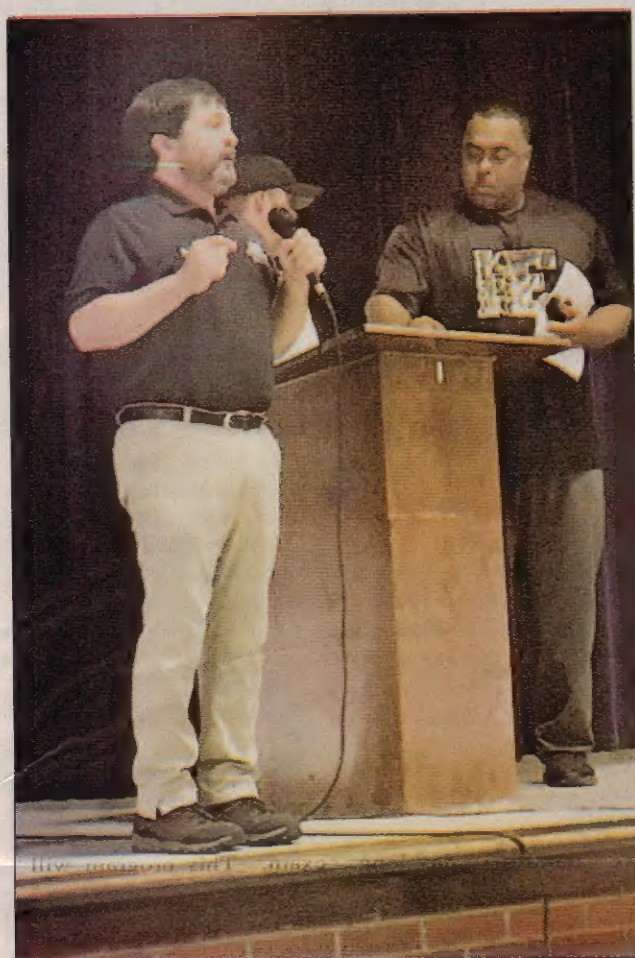


THE ELBA MINI-MITES FOOTBALL TEAM of the Elba Parks and Recreation brought home the Super Bowl Championship after defeating Skipperville 14-8 in the championship game. Players and coaches are pictured above with their champion rings.



THE ELBA PEE WEE FOOTBALL TEAM of the Elba Recreation Department finished the season 8-0, undefeated and Super Bowl champions. This was the fourth year in a row for this group to win the championship. The team outscored their opponents 256 to 34 and six of their games were complete shutouts. Players and coaches are pictured above with their champion rings.

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Elba Parks and Recreation director Greg Hanchey speaks during the celebration ceremony held Monday afternoon at Elba Elementary School for Elba's youth league Super Bowl champions. Elba had two teams bring home the championship this year, and Hanchey said he was extremely proud of all the players and coaches from Elba. He said it was an outstanding year for the program.



Elba Mini-Mite Tigers are "all in" as they display their new Super Bowl Champion rings. The rings were presented to the players and coaches during a special ceremony held Monday, Jan. 7, at Elba Elementary.



Elba Pee-Wee Tigers are "all in" as they display their new Super Bowl Champion rings. The rings were presented to the players and coaches during a special ceremony held Monday, Jan. 7, at Elba Elementary.

Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo Pageant set for March 2nd

The 2019 Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo Pageant will be held Saturday, March 2, (3:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.) at the Opp High School auditorium.

This pageant is open to girls ages 6-21. Divisions will be: Tiny Miss Opp Rodeo (6-8); Little Miss Opp Rodeo (9-11); Junior Miss Opp Rodeo (12-14); Teen Miss Opp Rodeo (15-17); and Miss Opp Rodeo (18-21).

Deadline to enter is Feb. 20th.

Contact Kelly Brandin at the Opp Chamber for more information: (334) 493-3070 or visit (online) opprattlesnakerodeo.com

Coffee County Republican Club set to meet Jan. 14th in Enterprise

The Coffee County Republican Club (CCRC) will meet Monday, January 14, at 6 p.m., at Po Folks Restaurant in Enterprise.

The guest speaker will be Jenna Strickland, Recruiter for the Alabama Aviation College Unit of Enterprise State Community College.

All are welcome and no reservations are necessary. Those eating will be ordering off the menu.

For more information,

contact CCRC Chairman Ed Foy at 494-4463.

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Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson really enjoyed staying up late to help bring in the New Year and despite the rainy weather helped his ole' granddaddy put on a small fireworks show at his backyard. We had enough left for another show, and I promised him the next time he spent the night with us we would do it again.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers finally played a home game* last week and celebrated by knocking off Luverne for the second time this month. The Tigers came out gunning and opened up a big 20-point lead in the second quarter, but had to battle for all four quarters as Luverne rallied late and made it a game in the fourth quarter. Elba's coach William Moguel stated before the season started that the 'real season' didn't start until after the start of the year, and maybe the Tigers' win will spark them as they get ready for area play against some of the top teams in this part of the state.

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers lost to Luverne* last week for the third time this season and just as in games past ran out of gas late in the loss. The Lady Tigers play a fast paced game and really get after their opponents, but when they hit a rut their opponents tend to take charge and run away with the game. Maybe the girls can find a second gear and at times slow down just a bit to make sure they have enough as to last all four quarters.

*** *Troy Trojan head football coach Neal Brown* got a late Christmas present last week when he signed a \$19 million contract to become the new head coach at West Virginia. Brown, who had led the Trojans to three straight 10-win seasons and three straight bowl wins, had a salary of \$800,000 per year at Troy. So, not even the biggest Trojan fan can blame the young coach for making the jump to the Big 12 and the big money. I think the Mountaineers definitely got the best coach on the market and that he will continue to be a winning coach.

*** *In closing....* the joy of the holiday season turned into heartbreak over the past weeks in our small community as we lost four teenage men to tragic automobile accidents. The young men lost their lives in two separate accidents, with three losing their lives in the same accident. Every death affects a small town, not matter the age of the deceased, but to lose four teenagers in such a short period of time really takes a toll. The closeness of the community will help provide strength and make the days ahead a little easier to bear for the family members. However, no one can realize their pain. One thing that should be certain is that Michael, Jakan, Branden and Quentin are all enjoying peace and comfort together with our Lord in Heaven.

New Brockton places four on 'Elite 11' football squad

The Southeast Sun, a weekly newspaper published in Enterprise, recently honored a number of high school football players from its neighboring schools, and included on the list were four members of the New Brockton Gamecocks.

Freshman quarterback Kaden Cupp, senior running back drew Simon, junior defensive end Josh Cardwell and junior tight end/punter Russell Weeks were all named to the list of honored players.

Cupp broke the New Brockton single-season

passing record and touchdown record as he passed for 1,774 yards and 18 touchdowns, while Simon was the team's leading rusher with 948 yards rushing with 14 touchdowns and also had 294 receiving yards and two scores. Weeks was the team's second leading receiver with 28 catches for 416 yards and six touchdowns and averaged 38.6 yards per punt, and Cardwell recorded 46 tackles, including nine tackles for losses, four sacks and one fumble recovery.

In home opener

Tigers run past Luverne 68-58

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and turned back a late Luverne comeback attempt to claim an impressive 68-58 win, in their home opener last Friday night at the Elba High gym.

Elba jumped out to an early 7-2 lead in the opening stanza behind the scoring of Alex Wright and Seth Ware, and after a 3-pointer by Ware with 36-seconds left in the quarter had upped its lead to 14-6.

Luverne cut the Elba lead to 18-11 with 5:51 left in the second quarter, but back to back 3-pointers by the Tigers Collin Harrison and Seth Ware, and a basket by Alex Wright, ignited an 8-0 run that put the Tigers on top 26-11 with 3:23 remaining in the half.

Luverne chopped the Elba lead to 26-14 late in the half. However, the Tigers closed the stanza on a 4-0 run to carry a 30-14 lead in at intermission and then opened the third quarter with an 11-0 spurt that pushed their lead to 37-14 with 5:30 remaining in the third quarter.

Luverne drained three long 3-pointers late in the quarter to pull within 46-34, but the Tigers again answered and this time scored five straight points to open up a 50-34 lead with 7:25 left in the fourth quarter.

Elba's lead grew back to twenty points at 56-36 with 6:02 left after a dunk by Alex Wright, but Luverne refused to throw in the towel and kept battling back to pull within 65-57 with 54-seconds still left on the clock.

A basket by Charvez Hill stopped the bleeding with 30 ticks left on the clock and the Tigers held on to



Elba Tiger Richmon Singletary (12) drives to the basket for an easy two-pointer in last week's 68-58 win over Luverne. The Tigers have a busy schedule ahead as they travel to Florala on Friday, Arton on Saturday and Brantley on Mnday.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

post the big 68-58 win.

Alex Wright scored 19 points to lead Elba, while Richmon Singletary added 18 and Seth Ware scored 11. Krishaun Hamilton scored 25 points to lead Luverne.

Elba (68): Harrison 6, Ware 11, Sams 7, Singletary 18, Caldwell 2, Wright 19, Hill 5.

Luverne (58): Brantley 3, Hamilton 25, Turner 3, Wilson 17, Ezell 6, McGhee 2.

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(JV Game)

The Elba Tiger JV bat-

tled for all four quarters in a 41-28 loss to Luverne, as they continued to have problems finding wins.

Luverne (41): Salter 2, Taylor 9, Magwood 5, Smith 10, Mahone 2, Magwood 11, Wesley 2.

Elba (28): Thomas 2, Hamilton 6, Camley 3, Hill 2, Jordan 1, Woodard 5, Burks 7, Coleman 2.

Area High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan. 10

Pleasant Home at New Brockton
Red Level at McKenzie Samson at Goshen
Barbour County at Arton Abbeville at G.W. Long

Friday, Jan. 11

Elba at Florala
J.F. Shields at Georgiana
Jay at Pleasant Home
Kinston at Brantley
Daleville at Cottonwood
New Brockton at Zion Chapel

Luverne at Calhoun
Highland Home at Central
Opp at Geneva
Straughn at Slocomb
Clarke County at Andalusia
Carroll at Charles Henderson
Enterprise at R.E. Lee

Saturday, Jan. 12

Elba at Arton
Georgiana at Highland Home
Brantley at Luverne
Barbour County at Pike County

Monday, Jan. 14

Elba at Brantley
Red Level at J.F. Shields

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Pleasant Home at Georgiana
McKenzie at Red Level
Kinston at Florala
Zion Chapel at Goshen
Samson at New Brockton
Abbeville at Arton
Highland Home at Calhoun
Luverne at Central
Straughn at Geneva
Opp at Slocomb
Brantley at Providence Ch.
Enterprise at Jeff Davis

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Geneva County at Samson



Elba Lady Tiger Jaylyn Baker (30) drives to the basket in last week's loss to Luverne. The Lady Tigers will begin area play this week on the road against Florala and Brantley.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Record slips to 5-6

Lady Tigers fall late to Luverne 54-43

The Elba Lady Tigers staged a furious rally in the second and third quarters to grab a one-point lead, but ran out of gas in the final stanza and lost to Luverne 54-43, in their home opener last Friday night at the Elba High gym.

The Lady Tigers matched Luverne basket for basket in the early going and were tied at 6-6 with 1:36 left in the first quarter, with all six points coming from A'Maysia Whitfield.

Luverne closed the opening stanza with a 7-2 run to open up a 13-8 advantage and then went on a 5-0 run to open the second quarter as its lead grew to 18-8 with 6:02 remaining in the quarter.

A'Maysia Whitfield and Freeda Hooks sparked an Elba rally late in the half, and when Whitfield drained a long 3-pointer with 16-seconds left on the clock the Lady Tigers had

battled back to pull within 26-25.

Elba continued its comeback early in the third quarter and grabbed a 31-30 lead with 6:08 left in the stanza after four quick points by Melissa Williams, and was still on top 35-34 with 3:01 remaining after a 3-pointer by A'Maysia Whitfield.

Luverne regained the lead at 38-37 with 1:35 left in the quarter, but still led by only one with 7:36 remaining in the final stanza after a free throw by Sandra Lindsey.

A 5-0 Luverne run early in the fourth quarter pushed its lead to 45-39 with 6:03 left on the clock, and Luverne then went on a 9-3 run as it took command and opened up a big 54-42 lead with 1:21 remaining, and held on for the win.

A'Maysia Whitfield scored 22 points to lead Elba and Melissa Williams added 10, while Luverne

was led by V. Williams with 16 points.

Luverne (54): Richardson 4, Williams 16, Thomas 13, Burnett 4, Johnson 11, Parks 4.

Elba (43): N. Williams 3, Lindsey 1, Whitfield 22, M. Williams 10, Edwards 2, Hooks 5.

THE ELBA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION will conduct Youth Baseball and Softball sign-up from Jan. 15th - Feb. 15th. Registration will be held at the Elba Recreation Department, located at 764 N. Claxton Ave., Elba.

Documents required for registration included the child's birth certificate and completion of the registration form. The cost is \$35 for one child, \$60 for two children, and \$70 for three or more children per family.

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